

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

maintaining the display of a frame of a live video presentation, the frame having associated therewith at least one interactive link; and

maintaining access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame such that a user may review and access the at least one interactive link.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein maintaining the display of a frame and maintaining access to the at least one interactive link are done in response to a user action.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the user action is depressing an activation button on a control device.

4. The method of claim 3 further comprising:

depressing a deactivation button to resume the video presentation.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the frame and the at least one interactive link are stored for later use such that access to the at least one interactive link is maintained.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein maintaining the display of a frame is effected by interrupting a refreshing of a frame buffer and maintaining access to the at least one interactive link is effected by interrupting a refreshing of an interactive link stream.

7. A method comprising:

interrupting a frame buffer such that a live video presentation is interrupted and a display of a frame of the video presentation is maintained, the frame having associated therewith at least one interactive link; and

interrupting an interactive link stream such that access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame is maintained.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein interrupting a frame buffer and interrupting an interactive link stream are done in response to a user action.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the user action is depressing an activation button on a control device.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
depressing a deactivation button to resume the video presentation.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the frame and the at least one interactive link are stored for later use such that access to the at least one interactive link is maintained.

12. A machine-readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method, the method comprising:
maintaining the display of a frame of a live video presentation, the frame having associated therewith at least one interactive link; and
maintaining access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame such that a user may review and access the at least one interactive link.

13. The machine-readable medium of claim 12, wherein maintaining the display of a frame and maintaining access to the at least one interactive link are done in response to a user action.

14. The machine-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the user action is depressing an activation button on a control device.

15. The machine-readable medium of claim 14 further comprising:
depressing a deactivation button to resume the video presentation.

16. The machine-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the frame and the at least one interactive link are stored for later use such that access to the at least one interactive link is maintained.

17. A machine-readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

interrupting a frame buffer such that a live video presentation is interrupted and a display of a frame of the video presentation is maintained, the frame having associated therewith at least one interactive link; and

interrupting an interactive link stream such that access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame is maintained.

18. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the frame and the at least one interactive link are stored for later use such that access to the at least one interactive link is maintained.

19. An apparatus comprising:

a processor having a memory coupled thereto, the memory having stored thereon executable instructions which, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to maintain the display of a frame of a live video presentation, the frame having associated therewith at least one interactive link, and maintain access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame such that a user may review and access the at least one interactive link.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising;

a control device, the control device having an activation mechanism to initiate execution of the executable instructions.

21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the control device has a deactivation mechanism to resume the video presentation.

22. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein a refreshing of a frame buffer is interrupted to maintain the display of a frame and a refreshing of an interactive link stream is interrupted to maintain access to the at least one interactive link.

23. A system comprising:

- a video presentation device, the video presentation device capable of displaying a live video presentation; and
- a control device to maintain the display of a frame of the live video presentation, the frame having associated therewith at least one interactive link, and maintain access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame such that a user may review and access the at least one interactive link.

24. The system of claim 23, wherein the control device maintains the display of a frame of the live video presentation by interrupting a frame buffer such that a live video presentation is interrupted and maintains access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame by interrupting an interactive link stream such that access to the at least one interactive link associated with the frame is maintained.

25. The system of claim 23, wherein the frame and the at least one interactive link are stored for later use such that access to the at least one interactive link is maintained.